

Application No.: 10/672554

Case No.: 58753US002

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 28 are pending. No amendments are currently presented. A complete listing of the claims is provided.

Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-16 and 22-24 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17, 21-24, 26-27, 33-38, and 39 of copending Application No. 10/672,762 in view of Shimda et al. (JP 2002-341519). A terminal disclaimer to the copending application is currently submitted.

Claims 1-6 and 22-24 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 6, 8-10, 2-15, 8, and 20-24 of copending Application No. 10/672,814 in view of Shimda et al. (JP 2002-34519). A terminal disclaimer to the copending application is currently submitted.

Claims 1-16 and 22-23 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 and 21 of copending Application No. 10/847,523 in view of Shimda et al. (JP 2002-34519). A terminal disclaimer to the copending application is currently submitted.

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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